

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 08, 2024, at 6:02 p.m. Ralph Gilley, Chairman, called the regular monthly meeting to order and the Director, Cody McElroy, called roll.

Members Present:

Ralph Gilley, Chairman
JH Rivers, Treasurer
Hibert Tackett, Jr.
Bob Adkins
Rusty Peters
Robby Robbins

Absent:

Fred Luntsford, Vice-Chairman
Worley Smith

Also Present:

Cody McElroy, Executive Director
Alexis Fleming, Recording Secretary
Will Sturgill, Wise County PSA Attorney

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Rusty Peters, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Gilley			Fred Luntsford
JH Rivers			Worley Smith
Hibert Tackett, Jr.			
Bob Adkins			
Robby Robbins			
Rusty Peters			

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by JH Rivers, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Gilley			Fred Luntsford
JH Rivers			Worley Smith
Hibert Tackett, Jr.			
Bob Adkins			
Robby Robbins			
Rusty Peters			

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of T&L.

Pound I/I

Continuing to await Environmental. We should receive final plans and specs soon, and have begun reviewing easement maps, so we can begin to get easements for the project. We are on schedule for this project.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

The project is about 75% complete per budget. Our 400-kw generator was damaged when being delivered, we rejected the damaged generator. The contractor will work with the company, but we hope to receive a replacement within a year, as these are made to order.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Lane Group

Banner Sewer

We have a meeting with DHCD to get this project into the final stages. All funding is in place and Easements and environmental are complete and we hope to get targets for advertisements to get that project moving. We need to meet with Coeburn to get their plan for their side of the system

Pound Water Treatment Plant Improvements

We received an additional \$400,000 in grant funds for this project and are awaiting the arrival of the letter.

Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023

We have all easements and permits for this project. The health department is doing their final environmental checks and permits and hope to have this ready withing the next couple of weeks to a month.

Appalachia Elementary School Sewer

Lenowisco was able to provide any shortfall of funding. DHCD will be scheduling a contract meeting soon to get contracts signed so we can begin this project. Will likely be the beginning of 2025 for the start of this project

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

Pound River Interceptor

Biological assessment was submitted to the Army Corp of Engineers, this involves a salvage plan for the Big Sandy Crayfish, this will be the most economical solution and will involve harvesting the Crayfish and rehoming them at a university until the completion of the project. We have been working on getting easements and have around 25 at this time

St. Paul Interconnect Study

Finishing up everything to submit to rural development. We hope to speak with St. Paul soon about a project to get them interconnected

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA

Pound - Pilkenton Peak & Highland Avenue

Working to complete this project. Had some difficulties when doing pressuring testing that resulted in several large water leaks along US 23, due to a sensitive system. We hope to have a plan in place to prevent these problems from happening in the future. This project should be finishing up soon

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Hurricane Helene Recap

We were very fortunate and had very minimal flooding and leaks in the area. We had some power outages but were able to use back up power from Friday until Tuesday. We were able to run normal operations and were able to feed the city of Norton. We were able to work with Riggs Oil and they were able to keep our fuel tanks full.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Rusty Peters, JH Rivers and Robby Robbins all iterated that we need to continue to stay prepared for any natural disasters that may come our way and how fortunate we were to have such little impact compared to our neighbors in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee

ADJOURNMENT

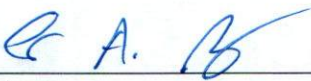
A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Rusty Peters, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Gilley			Fred Luntsford
JH Rivers			Worley Smith
Hibert Tackett, Jr.			
Bob Adkins			
Robby Robbins			
Rusty Peters			

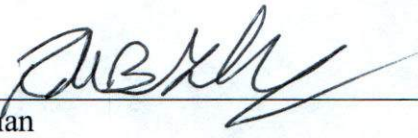
The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman